THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) to (d) The Planning Commission have approved, 'in-principle', the feasibility of the proposed Ib-Valley Thermal Power Project, subject to financial provision being made by the State Government in the State Plan. The project, with a total capacity of 840 MW, is estimated to cost Rs. 887.99 crores. Pending approval of the project for implementation, the State Government have been authorised by the Planning Commission to tie up associated arrangements and infrastructural works. Approval for implementation of the project could be accorded after the financial resources have been tied up.

Increase in import bill for crude and petroleum products

1356. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the Times of India of 1st January, 1987 that the import bill for crude and petroleum products is likely to increase by about Rs. 13,000 crores due to the likely increase in the volume of imports and fixation of higher prices of crude by OPEC; and

(b) if so, what are the facts and likely estimates in this regard and their impact on our trade-balance position?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As the crude import Plan for 1987-88 has not yet been finalised, it is not possible at this stage to indicate the import bill during the year and the impact on our trade balance position.

Self sufficiency in power supply

1357. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are evolving any time bound action plan for attaining self-sufficiency in power supply in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b) During the Seventh Plan, 22245 MW of capacity is to be added to the existing capacity. With this addition, the energy demand in the country can be largely met with some peaking shortages. In order to bridge the gap between the demand and supply of power, a Renovation and Modernisation Programme has been undertaken which will enable the power stations to generate more power and improve their Plant Load Factor. In addition, measures to reduce transmission and distribution losses have been initiated, short gestation capacity addition are being made and energy conservation and demand management measures have been introduced.

Linking of Bonus with Productivity

1358. SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a directive by the Prime Minister to public undertakings stipulates that bonus should be linked to productivity, if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether the trade unions including INTUC have apposed it; if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps are being taken for the implementation of the Prime Minister's directive?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. K. K. TEWARY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.